

**ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2019
ANTELOPE VALLEY DISTRICT OFFICE
LANCASTER, CA**

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Marvin Crist, Chair, City of Lancaster
Austin Bishop, Vice Chair, City of Palmdale
Newton Chelette, Public Member
Howard Harris, Los Angeles County
Ron Hawkins, Los Angeles County
Steven Hofbauer, City of Palmdale
Kenneth Mann, City of Lancaster

Board Members Absent:

CALL TO ORDER

Chair **CRIST** called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Chair **CRIST** asked Board Member Howard Harris to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

❖ None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item #1 – Approve Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of June 18, 2019.

Upon Motion by **CHELETTE**, seconded by **BISHOP**, and carried unanimously, the Board **Approved** Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of June 18, 2019.

Agenda Item #2 – Monthly Grant Funding Summary. Receive and file.

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by **CHELETTE**, seconded by **BISHOP**, and carried unanimously, the Board **Received and Filed** Monthly Grand Funding Summary.

Agenda Item #3 – Monthly Activity Report. Receive and file.

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by **CHELETTE**, seconded by **BISHOP**, and carried unanimously, the Board **Received and Filed** Monthly Activity Report.

Agenda Item #4 - 1) Authorize establishing four (4) commercial revolving bank accounts for the purposes of receiving and disbursing funds received from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) from designated grant programs; and 2) authorize the Executive Director/APCO to appoint signatures on the account, authorize single signature approval up to \$2,500; authorize the transfer of funds; and negotiate and execute any necessary agreements to establish the accounts and disbursement mechanisms, approved as to legal form.

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by CHELETTE, seconded by BISHOP, and carried unanimously, the Board, 1) **Authorized** establishing four (4) commercial revolving bank accounts for the purposes of receiving and disbursing funds received from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) from designated grant programs; and 2) **authorized** the Executive Director/APCO to appoint signatures on the account, authorize single signature approval up to \$2,500; authorize the transfer of funds; and negotiate and execute any necessary agreements to establish the accounts and disbursement mechanisms, approved as to legal form.

Agenda Item #5 – Approve payment to MDAQMD in the total amount of \$105,045.84, subject to availability of funds, for services provided during the month of May 2019.

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by CHELETTE, seconded by BISHOP, and carried unanimously, the Board, **approved** payment to MDAQMD in the total amount of \$105,045.84, subject to availability of funds, for services provided during the month of May 2019.

Agenda Item #6 – Receive and file the Financial Report. The Financial Report is provided to the Governing Board for information concerning the fiscal status of the District at May 31, 2019, which provides financial information and budget performance concerning the current fiscal status of the District.

Presenter: Bret Banks, Executive Director/APCO.

Upon Motion by CHELETTE, seconded by BISHOP, and carried unanimously, the Board, **received and filed** the Financial Report. The Financial Report is provided to the Governing Board for information concerning the fiscal status of the District at May 31, 2019, which provides financial information and budget performance concerning the current fiscal status of the District.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #7 – Conduct a public hearing to consider the amendment of Rule 301 – Permit Fees: a. Open public hearing; b. Receive staff report; c. Receive public testimony; Receive public testimony; d. Close public hearing; e. Make a determination that the CEQA Categorical Exemption applies; f. Waive reading of Resolution; g. Adopt Resolution making appropriate findings, certifying the Notice of Exemption, amending Rule 301 and directing staff actions.

Presenter: Barbara Lods, Air Quality Planner I.

Chair CRIST **opened** the public hearing. Staff member Barbara Lods **presented** the Staff Report and answered questions from the Board. Chair CRIST solicited public comment, being none, Chair CRIST **closed** the public hearing, **made** the determination that the CEQA Categorical Exemption applies, **waived** reading of the resolution and upon Motion by HOFBAUER, seconded by MANN, and carried with seven AYES votes by Board Members MARVIN CRIST, AUSTIN BISHOP, NEWTON CHELETTE, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS, STEVEN HOFBAUER and KENNETH MANN, the Board, **adopted** Resolution 19-02, “A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MAKING FINDINGS, CERTIFYING THE NOTICE OF EXEMPTION, AMENDING RULE 301 – PERMIT FEES AND DIRECTING STAFF ACTIONS.”

Agenda Item #8 – Conduct a public hearing to consider the amendment of Rule 302 – Other Fees: a. Open public hearing; b. Receive staff report; c. Receive public testimony; d. Close public hearing; e. Make a determination that the CEQA Categorical Exemption applies; f. Waive reading of Resolution; g. Adopt Resolution making appropriate findings, certifying the Notice of Exemption, amending Rule 302 and directing staff actions.

Presenter: Barbara Lods, Air Quality Planner I.

Chair **CRIST** opened the public hearing. Staff member Barbara Lods presented the Staff Report and answered questions from the Board. Chair **CRIST** solicited public comment, being none, Chair **CRIST** closed the public hearing, made the determination that the CEQA Categorical Exemption applies, waived reading of the resolution and upon Motion by **HOFBAUER**, seconded by **MANN**, and carried with seven **AYES** votes by Board Members **MARVIN CRIST, AUSTIN BISHOP, NEWTON CHELETTE, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS, STEVEN HOFBAUER and KENNETH MANN**, the Board, adopted Resolution 19-03, “**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MAKING FINDINGS, CERTIFYING THE NOTICE OF EXEMPTION, AMENDING RULE 302 – OTHER FEES AND DIRECTING STAFF ACTIONS.**”

Agenda Item #9 – 1) Award \$70,000.00 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 923) funds to Waste Management dba Antelope Valley Hauling (WM) toward the development of a compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicle refueling station; and 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute an agreement, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel.

Presenter: Bret Banks, Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst.

Executive Director/APCO Bret Banks presented the staff report and answered questions from the Board. After discussion and upon Motion by **BISHOP**, seconded by **HAWKINS**, and carried with six **AYES** votes by Board Members **MARVIN CRIST, AUSTIN BISHOP, NEWTON CHELETTE, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS, and STEVEN HOFBAUER**, with Board Member **KENNETH MANN** abstaining, the Board, 1) Awarded \$70,000.00 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 923) funds to Waste Management dba Antelope Valley Hauling (WM) toward the development of a compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicle refueling station; and 2) Authorized the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute an agreement, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel.

Agenda Item #10 – 1) Award an amount not to exceed \$47,591 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 923) funds to Learn 4 Life toward the purchase and installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations; and 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute an agreement, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel.

Presenter: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst.

Staff member Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst, presented the staff report and answered questions from the Board. After discussion and upon Motion by **HARRIS**, seconded by **HOFBAUER**, and carried with six **AYES** votes by Board Members **MARVIN CRIST, NEWTON CHELETTE, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS, STEVEN HOFBAUER and KENNETH MANN**, with Board Member **AUSTIN BISHOP** recusing, the Board, 1) Awarded an amount not to exceed \$47,591 in Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program (AB 923) funds to Learn 4 Life toward the purchase and installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations; and 2) Authorized the Executive Director/APCO and staff to negotiate target time frames and technical project details and execute an agreement, approved as to legal form by the Office of District Counsel.

Agenda Item #11 – 1) Authorize \$20,000 in Mobile Emission Reductions Program (AB 2766) funds to the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program; and 2) Authorize the Executive Director/APCO and staff to execute the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program as outlined in the Work Plan.

Presenter: Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst

Staff member Julie McKeehan, Grants Analyst, presented the staff report and answered questions from the Board. After discussion and upon Motion by MANN, seconded by BISHOP, and carried with seven AYES votes by Board Members MARVIN CRIST, AUSTIN BISHOP, NEWTON CHELETTE, HOWARD HARRIS, RON HAWKINS, STEVEN HOFBAUER and KENNETH MANN, the Board, 1) **Authorized** \$20,000 in Mobile Emission Reductions Program (AB 2766) funds to the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program; and 2) **Authorized** the Executive Director/APCO and staff to execute the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Program as outlined in the Work Plan.

Agenda Item #12 – Reports.

Governing Board Counsel –

- None.

Executive Director/APCO –

- Commented on the Los Angeles Times article regarding Smog.
- Reported that the Valley Fever Walk was a successful event.

Staff –

- None.

Agenda Item #13 – Board Member Reports and Suggestions for Future Agenda Items.

- Board Member Hawkins commented on the success of the Valley Fever Walk event and the AVAQMD website and thanked staff for their work on this subject.

Agenda Item #14 – Adjourn to Regular Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, August 20, 2019.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Governing Board Meeting of Tuesday, August 20, 2019.

**ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
APPROVED**

Upon motion by NEWTON CHELETTE, seconded by AUSTIN BISHOP, as approved by the following vote:

Ayes 6 BISHOP, CHELETTE, CRIST, HARRIS, HAWKINS, MALHI

Noes:

Absent: 1 HOFBAUER

Abstain:

DEANNA HERNANDEZ, SENIOR EXECUTIVE ANALYST

BY Deanna Hernandez

Dated: August 20, 2019